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REMARKS

Claims 98-104 appear in the application. A Notice of Allowance for these claims was issued by the Office on September 23, 2003. Payment of the Issue Fee is being submitted concurrently with the filing of this Amendment. Amendments to claims 98, 99 and 101 are proposed herein which clarify the description of the invention as recited by those claims. In addition, proposed new claims 117-134 are provided to provide additional protection for certain aspects of the invention. As discussed below, the claim amendments and new claims are all completely supported by the application as filed and thus they raise no issue of new matter. Entry of this Amendment such that claims 98-104 and 117-134 are pending in the application and are all determined to be allowable is respectfully requested.

In particular, claim 98 has been amended to recite that "at least one of" the CDRs bind to an epitope of CCR5, and that the antibody "or fragment thereof binds to the same epitope as" antibodies PA8, PA9, PA10, PA11, PA12 or PA14. Support for these amendments may be found, *inter alia*, in the specification as follows: page 13, lines 28-30, page 14, lines 26-30, page 17, lines 20-24, page 18, lines 21-23, page 32, lines 15-18 and page 33, lines 3-6 and the section headed "Experimental Discussion" at pps. 37-43. Claim 99 is also amended to recite that the antibody -- or fragment thereof binds to the same epitope as -- antibodies PA8-PA12 and PA14. The support for this amendment is indicated above in the discussion of the amendments to claim 98. Claim 101 is amended to recite that the antibody or fragment thereof comprises "one or more" complementarity determining regions. This amendment is supported by the teaching at, *inter alia*, page 22, lines 16-24 of the specification.

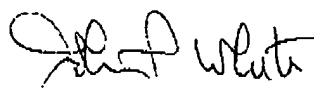
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New claims 117-134 all depend, directly or indirectly, on allowed claims 98-104. Support for the new claims may be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at page 14, lines 17-37. These new claims are believed to all be allowable for the same reasons as claims 98-104.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone either of them at the number provided below.

A fee of \$43.00 is believed due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(b) due to the addition of a fourth independent claim. Authorization is hereby provided to charge this \$43.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. If any additional fees are due, the Office is further authorized to charge such required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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